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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

> > FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

January 16, 2003

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL

42, avenue de Friedland 75008 Paris France (Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No X

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Contents: Press Release.

This report on Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-81578) as amended, filed by Vivendi Universal under the Securities Act of 1933, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed by Vivendi Universal under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

EXHIBIT LIST

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Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL

By:/s/ George E. Bushnell III

Name: George E. Bushnell III Title: Vice President

Date: January 16, 2003